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Subject: Depression over Jharkhand and adjoining northern parts of Gangetic West Bengal

Depression over northern parts of Gangetic west Bengal & neighbourhood moved west-northwestwards with a speed of 10 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 0530 hrs IST of today, the 18th August, 2026, over Jharkhand and adjoining northern parts of Gangetic West Bengal, near latitude 23.8°N and longitude 86.1°E, about 100 km northeast of Ranchi (Jharkhand), 160 km southeast of Gaya (Bihar), 210 km east of Daltonganj (Jharkhand), 300 km east-northeast of Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh), 380 km east-southeast of Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

It is very likely to continue to move west-northwestwards across Jharkhand and Bihar during next 24 hours.

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall Warning:

Gangetic West Bengal: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August.

Odisha: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August.

Jharkhand: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places & extremely heavy rainfall (≥ 21 cm) is very likely at isolated places on 18th August; heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

Chhattisgarh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely at isolated places on 18th August and heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

Bihar: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely on 18th August and heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

East Uttar Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall is very likely during 18th -19th August.

East Madhya Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is likely during 18th -19th August.

(ii) Wind Warning:

❖ Squally winds with speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph are likely to prevail over North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till morning of 19th August and would decrease gradually thereafter.

(iii) Squally winds with speed reaching 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph are likely over Jharkhand and adjoining Bihar & north Chhattisgarh till morning of 19th August and over adjoining areas of northern parts of Gangetic West Bengal till noon of 18th August.

(iv) Sea Condition:

❖ **Sea condition is very likely to be very rough to rough** over North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till morning of 19th August and improve gradually thereafter.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (Graphics Attached):

❖ Fishermen are advised not to venture into North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till morning of 19th August.

(v) Impact Expected and Action Suggested due to heavy rainfall and squally winds

Impact expected:

- ❖ Breaking of tree branches, Horticulture crops like banana, papaya, drum sticks may be affected. Strong wind and rain may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- ❖ Partial damage to vulnerable structures due to strong winds and rain.
- ❖ Minor damage to kutcha houses/walls, huts and roads due to heavy rain.
- ❖ Loose objects may fly.
- ❖ Small ships, trawlers and boats may be affected.
- ❖ Road and rail traffic may be affected due to heavy rain and squally winds.
- ❖ Localised landslides, mudslides, landslips, water logging, inundation over low lying areas.
- ❖ Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- ❖ Helicopter services may get affected.

Action suggested:

- ❖ People are advised to keep a watch on the weather for worsening conditions and be ready to move to safer places accordingly.
- ❖ Take safe shelters; do not take shelter under trees, as there could be lightning.
- ❖ In case of expected lightning, unplug electrical/ electronic appliances, immediately, get out of water bodies and keep away from all the objects that conduct electricity.
- ❖ Tourism and recreational activities to be regulated.
- ❖ Helicopter services to be regulated.

Next bulletin will be issued at 1230 hours IST of today, the 18th August, 2026.

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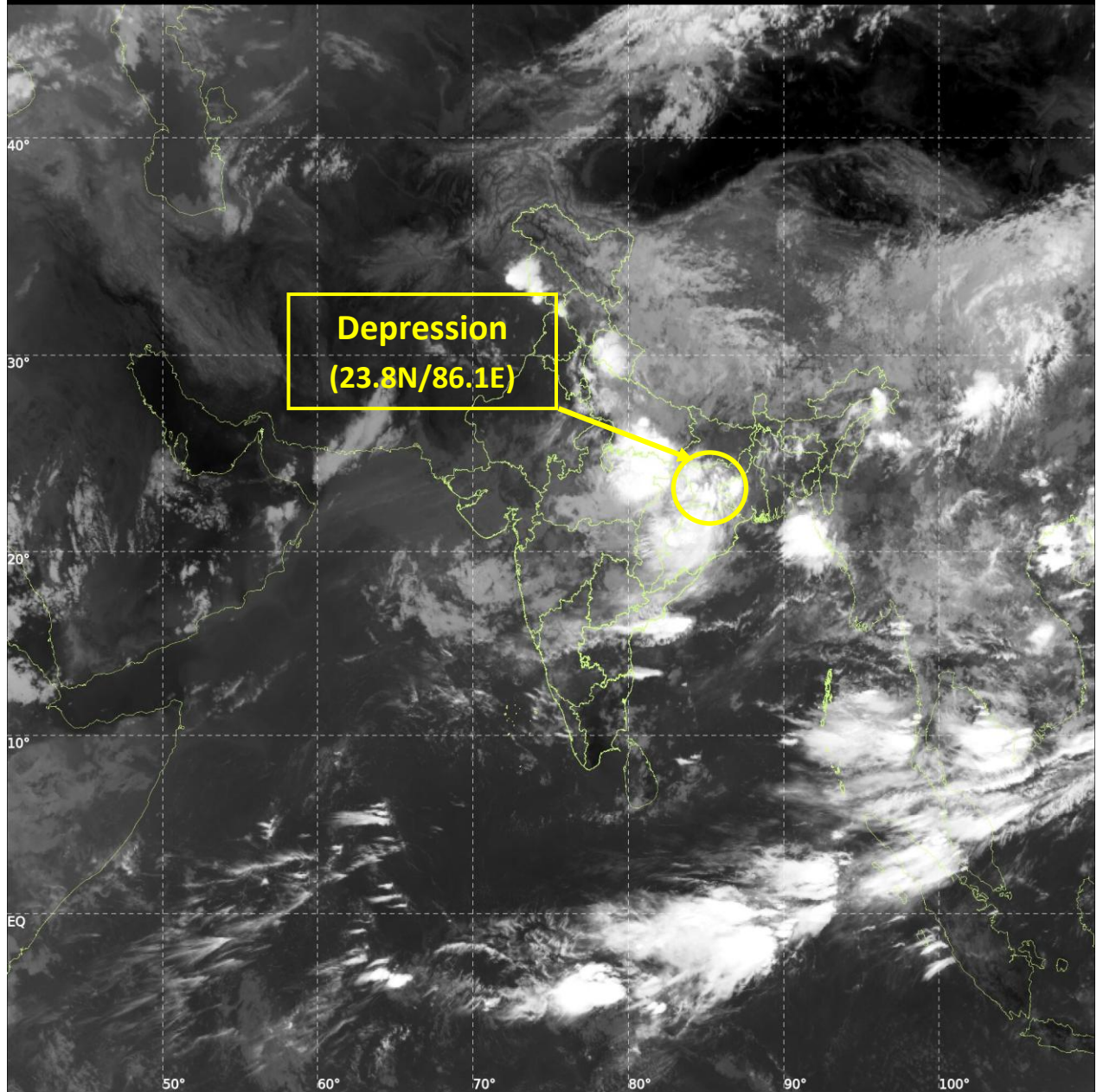
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INSAT-3DS IMG, Thermal Infrared1 Count @ 10.83 μm
GMT:18-08-2026/(0230-0257) IST:18-08-2026/(0800-0827)
L1C MERCATOR (LINEAR STRETCH: 1%)

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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK OF DEPRESSION OVER JHARKHAND & ADJOINING PARTS OF NORTHERN GANGETIC WEST BENGAL BASED ON 0000 UTC (0530 Hrs. IST) OF 18TH AUGUST 2026



DATE/TIME IN UTC

IST=UTC + 0530

L: LOW PRESSURE AREA

WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA

D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)

DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)

CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)

SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63KT)

VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)

ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)

SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM (≥ 120 KT)

● LESS THAN 34 KT

○ 34-47 KT

⦿ ≥ 48 KT

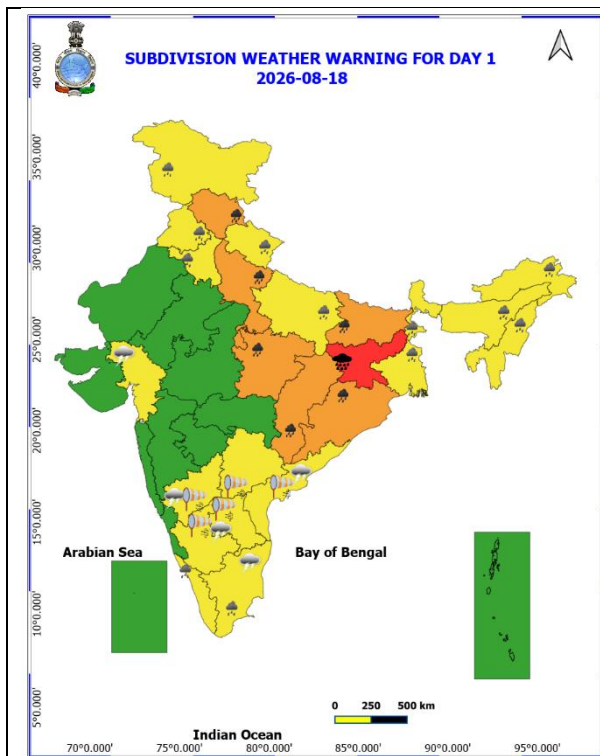
— OBSERVED TRACK

— FORECAST TRACK

▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period (hrs)	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
18.08.26/0000	0	23.8	86.1	Ranchi (Jharkhand) (100, NE)	Gaya (BIHAR) (160, SE)	Daltonganj (Jharkhand) (210, E)	Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh) (300, ENE)	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) (380, ESE)



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| Fog | Heavy Snow | Cold Wave |
| Heavy Rain | Dust Storm | Cold Day |
| Very Heavy Rain | Heat Wave | Ground Frost |
| Extremely Heavy Rain | Warm Night | |
| Thunder & Lightning | Hot Day | |
| Hailstorm | Hot & Humid | |
| Dust Raising Winds | Strong Surface Winds | |

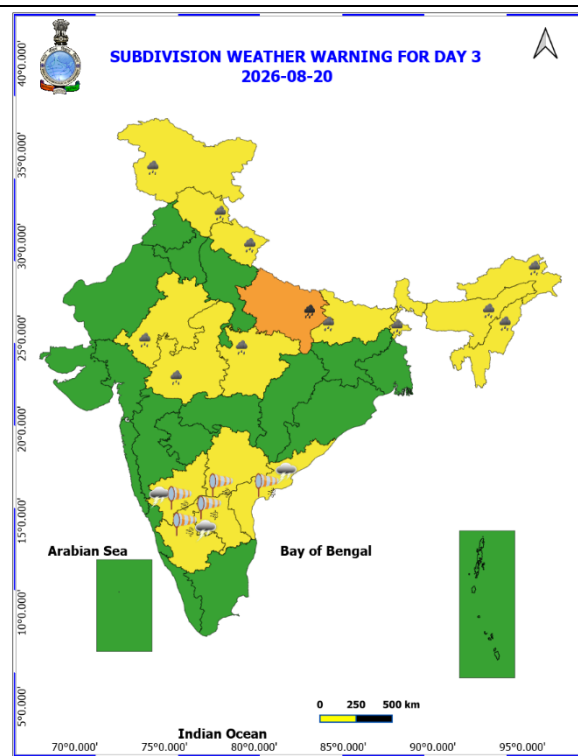
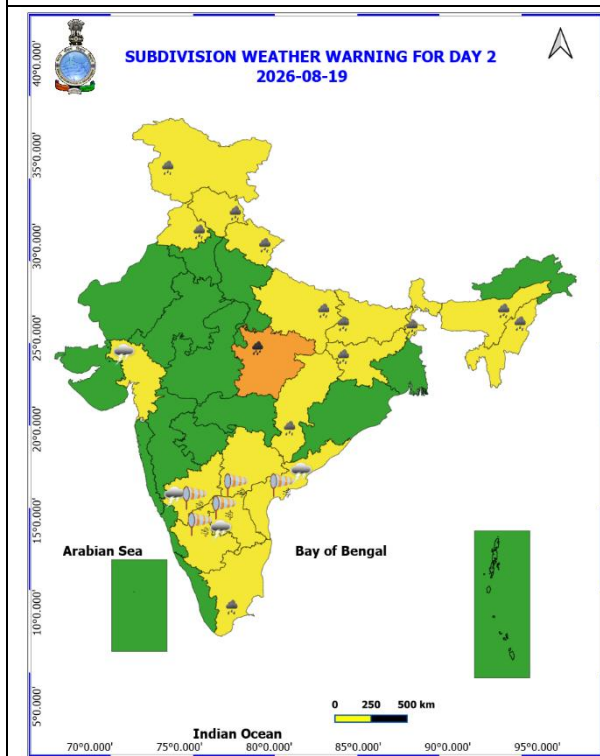
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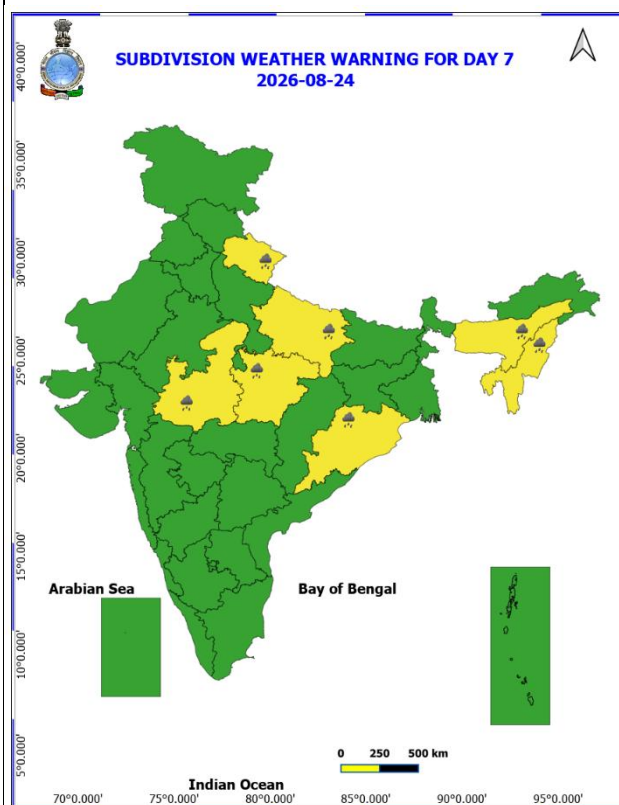
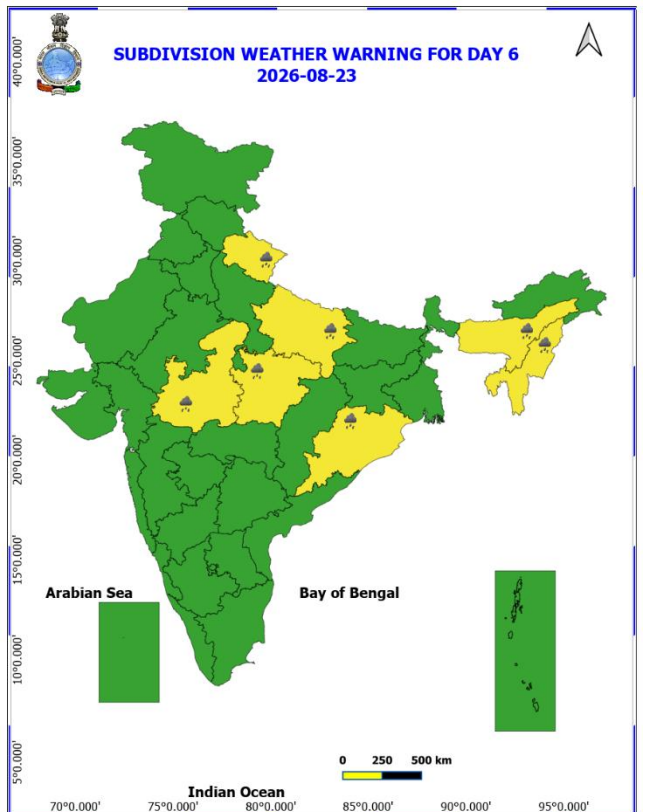
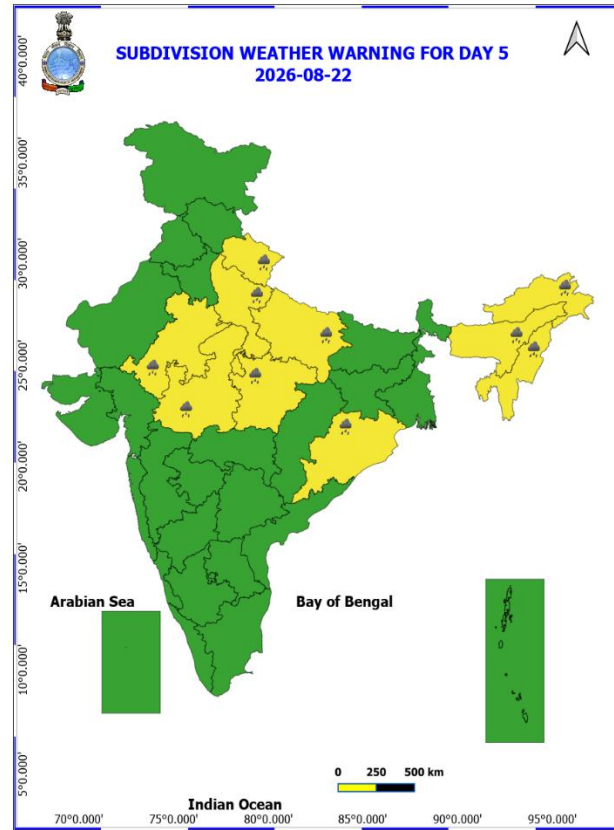
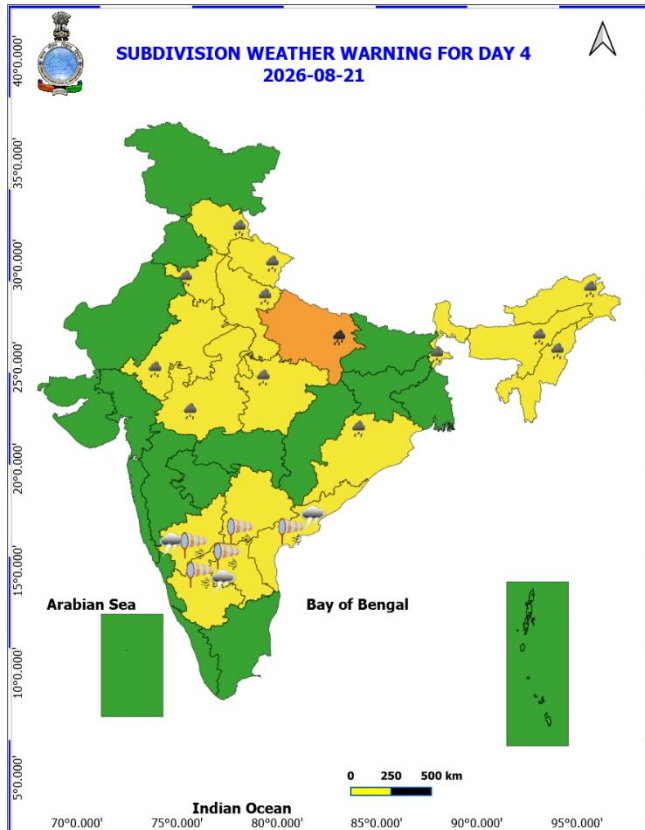
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Watch (Be Aware)

Alert (Be Prepared To Take Action)

Warning (Take Action)





Fishermen Warning Graphics

